THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Sir, Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the charges levelled by Dr. C. D. Deshmukh against the Ministers in general and the Ministers of the South in particular and, if so, what action has been taken by the Government?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not know whether charges have been laid particularly against the Ministers in the South. But as far as Dr. C. D. Deshmukh's allegations are concerned, I thought it was public matter now.

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY : தென்னாட்டில் ஒரு மந்திரி லஞ்சம் வாங்கியதாக தனக்கு புகார் வந்திருப்பதாக நேரு அவர்கள் கூறியிருப்பது அரசாங்கத்தின் கவனத்திற்கு வந்திருக்கிறதா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : லஞ்சம் வாங்கியிருப்பதாக புகார் வந்திருப்பதாக எங்களுக்கு தகவல் இல்லை.

Grievances of workers in catering establishments

* 392 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received strike notice from the workers of the catering establishments in the State during November 1959 regarding their grievances; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken by the Government to prevent the strike?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The Labour Officers, Madras I and II held discussions with the parties. As a result, agreement has been reached on certain general issues. In respect of other issues, the Union has been advised to take up the matter separately with the employers of individual establishments concerned.

SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : ஹோட்டல் தொழிலாளர்களுடைய சட்டத்தை அமுல் நடத்துவதற்காக அதிகாரிகளையும், சிப்பந்திகளையும் நியமிக்க முடிவு செய்யப்பட்டதா ? அப்படியிருந்தால் அந்த முடிவை இதுவரையிலே நிறைவேற்றாததற்குக் காரணம் என்ன ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : நிறைவேற்றி ஆகிவிட்டது.

Letting prisoners on parole

* 393 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to introduce the system of letting prisoners on parole; and

(*b*) if so, when?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (a) No Sir. There is no proposal to introduce a system of periodical releases on parole as a measure of rehabilitation. However the system of granting parole leave to prisoners to enable them to attend to specific items of work is already in force.

(b) Does not arise.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: Is the Hon. Minister aware that a prominent Judge of the Madras High Court suggested that prisoners should be let on parole? If so, why should not the Government reconsider their earlier decision?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir, there was a Committee called the 'Jail Reforms Committee' constituted by this Government and a very prominent Judge of the High Court (Retired) presided over the Committee. That Committee recommended that there need not be this kind of a premature release by way of parole.

Defects in the educational system

* 394 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have examined the remarks made by the Madras Public Service Commission in its report for the year 1957–58, that the candidates while they were in schools and colleges, were not trained to write essays and composition in their own words but passed examinations by answering one word questions or by mugging up text books; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to rectify the defects pointed out by the Commission?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (a) & (b) Yes Sir.

It has since been decided by the Board of Secondary Education that question papers should contain questions requiring answers of the essay type and that such questions should carry a major portion of the marks allotted for the purpose. In addition there will be a few questions requiring short answers but *not one word answers*. This revision in the type of question papers has been introduced with effect from the S.S.L.C. Public Examination held in March 1959.

SRI S. NAGARAJA MONIGAR: இப்படி ஒரு சொல் விடை அளிக்கக்கூடிய முறையை பரீக்ஷையில் புகுத்தியது மூலம் நாட்டு மக்களுடைய முன்னேற்றத்தில் ஒரு தயக்கத்தை உண்டுபண்ணி விட்டோம். அப்படிச் செய்ய காரணமாக இருந்த கல்வி நிபுணர்கள் யார்? அவர்கள் மீது ஏதாகிலும் இத்தருணத்திலே குறைபாடுகள் சொல்ல சந்தர்ப்பம் இருக்கிறதா?